



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/656,574 )  
)  
Filed: September 5, 2003 )  
)  
For: CONDUIT AND METHOD OF )  
FORMING )  
)  
Applicant: Smith et al. )  
)  
Attorney Ref: 1171/41365/135 )

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

December 9, 2003

Date

Amy L. Mitchell

Amy L. Mitchell

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

Applicant hereby notifies the Examiner of co-pending United States patent applications Serial Nos. 09/850,797, 10/622,755 and 10/653,821.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of the first Office Action on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the presentation of this information shall not be construed as a representation that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 exists, or as an admission that the information cited in this statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Should the Examiner believe a fee is required, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge the fee to the deposit account of the undersigned firm, Account No. 20-1495.

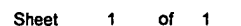
Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Dec. 9, 2003

By:

Raiford A. Blackstone

Raiford A. Blackstone, Reg. No. 25,156  
Linda L. Palomar, Reg. No. 37,903  
Trexler, Bushnell, Giangiorgi,  
Blackstone & Marr, Ltd.  
105 W. Adams Street, 36th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
(312) 704-1890



SERIAL NO. 10/656,574

(Use several sheets if necessary)

APPLICANT: Smith et al.

**FILING DATE:** September 5, 2003

GROUP

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0002976 Published on January 10, 2002 entitled Conduit With Heated Wick; Inventors Smith and Baldwin

DATE CONSIDERED

**\*EXAMINER:** Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.